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House Bills

HB 3149 by Representatives Schual-Berke, Dunshee, Dickerson, Eickmeyer, Edmonds, Doumit, Kenney, Conway, H. Sommers, McIntire, Wood, Kastama, Ruderman, Wolfe, Anderson, Hatfield, Kessler, Lovick, Morris, Cooper, Ogden, Miloscia, Reardon, Romero, Fisher, Linville, Kagi, Haigh, Lantz, Hurst, Keiser, Rockefeller, O'Brien and Stensen

Improving education funding.

Creates the better schools fund in the state treasury. Moneys in the fund may be spent only after appropriation. Moneys in the fund shall be apportioned in the same manner as moneys are apportioned under chapter 28A.510 RCW. The amount allocated to each school district shall be based on the number of full-time equivalent students in the school district during the school year ending just prior to the allocation.

Declares that allocations received under this act shall be used for only the following purposes: (1) To reduce class sizes in kindergarten through sixth grade by hiring additional certificated teachers;

- (2) to improve student academic achievement in grades kindergarten through twelve by providing new and expanded learning opportunities, including but not limited to, before-and-after school programs, weekend school programs, summer school programs, full-day kindergarten programs, and intercession opportunities;
- (3) to provide new and expanded developmental preschool programs designed to prepare prekindergarten children for successful learning; and
- (4) to provide improvements or additions to school building facilities, which improvements or additions are directly related to the new or expanded services in this act.

Declares that school districts are prohibited from using moneys allocated under this act for loan repayment or for debt service.

Provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2002 and each fiscal year thereafter, the state treasurer shall transfer from the emergency reserve fund to the common school construction fund the sum of one hundred million dollars divided into four equal deposits occurring on July 1st, October 1st, January 1st, and April 1st of each year.

Requires that, by July 1, 2001, the state board of education shall modify the allocation of state assistance for school facilities by increasing the cost per square foot and space allowance per student to more closely reflect actual construction size and cost.

Takes effect January 1, 2001.

Directs the secretary of state to submit this act to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this state, in accordance with Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the laws adopted to facilitate its operation.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 28 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 3150 by Representatives Dunshee, H. Sommers, Doumit, Dickerson, Eickmeyer, Edmonds, Edwards, Kenney, McIntire, Kastama, Wolfe, Schual-Berke, Ruderman, Kessler, Anderson, Hatfield, Wood, Morris, Lovick, Conway, Miloscia, Romero, Ogden, Fisher, Linville, Kagi, Haigh, Cooper, Lantz, Hurst, Keiser, Rockefeller, O'Brien and Stensen

Providing credits against state taxes.

Authorizes credits against state taxes.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 28 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 3151 by Representatives Huff and Alexander

Providing funding for transportation programs.

Creates the transportation progress account in the state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for transportation purposes.

Requires that ten and twenty-five one-hundredths percent of automobile-related sales and use tax revenue shall be deposited in the transportation progress account under this act.

Provides that two and forty-five one-hundredths percent of automobile-related sales and use tax revenue shall be deposited in the Puget Sound ferry operations account under RCW 47.60.530.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 28 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 3152 by Representatives Huff and Alexander

Providing for the distribution of moneys for criminal justice purposes.

Declares an intent of the legislature that additional and sufficient moneys, increasing by the fiscal growth factor, will be appropriated during each fiscal biennium for the purpose of criminal justice assistance to counties and cities.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 28 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

House Joint Resolutions

HJR 4221 by Representatives Ruderman, Dunshee, Eickmeyer, Edwards, Kenney, McIntire, Dickerson, H. Sommers, Edmonds, Kastama, Wolfe, Wood, Schual-Berke, Lovick, Anderson, Morris, Conway, Kessler, Ogden, Miloscia, Cooper, Romero, Fisher, Linville, Kagi, Haigh, Lantz, Hurst, Keiser, Rockefeller, O'Brien and Stensen

Amending the Constitution to allow property valuation increases to be spread over time.

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to allow property valuation increases to be spread over time.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 28 First reading, referred to Finance.

Senate Bills

SB 6858 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Heavey, Horn, Goings, Rasmussen, Eide and Winsley

Providing financing mechanisms to fund local government services.

Provides that, for the purpose of acquisition, construction, remodeling, equipping, repairing, maintaining, and operating a public zoo, aquarium, parks, open space, transportation, housing, shelters, food banks, public health, and schools, the legislative authority of a city with a population of over one hundred fifty thousand that is not in a metropolitan park district may levy an annual regular property tax not exceeding fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the city.

-- 2000 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6859 by Senators T. Sheldon, Hargrove, Snyder, Hochstatter, Hale, Loveland, Johnson, Goings, Horn, Swecker and Winsley

Allowing the department of labor and industries to regulate health standards for musculoskeletal disorders.

Authorizes the director to adopt rules pursuant to RCW 49.17.040 to provide safety and health standards for musculoskeletal disorders caused by awkward postures, high hand force, repetitive motion, repeated impacts, awkward lifting, vibration, or similar physical tasks.

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